

Introduction: Jesus proclaimed the nearness of God's kingdom. Almost unnoticed, the kingdom is present among us, growing and accomplishing God's will. We gather today to give thanks for the presence and love of God at work in our world.

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord has spoken – God will carry out God's word.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We walk by faith and not by sight.

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

This is what God's kingdom is like – and how it grows.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

JUNE

15 Louis Green **16** Thomas Masheter, Susan & Joe Kelly

17 Agnes McBride, Allen Gardner **18** Margaret Bailey

19 Margaret Murray **20** Annie Heys, Richard Hughes

22 Elizabeth Stevens, Jenny Barnes, Marion Thompson

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage 23 July to 30 July 2024.

Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Youth Section (Coach Travel - 22 July to 1 August) will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris.

Email youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk for details.

For all other Pilgrims and for further information please check the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or email operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk

Gift Aid This makes such a difference to our Parishes' income at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim 25p for every £1 you give. Please consider taking out a Standing Order, or if at St Andrew's you can register a payment card to use on the card reader, either online or the reader itself.

WEBSITE: www.standrewscottam.org.uk

**Parishes of
St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam,
and St Mary, Lea Town
Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
16th June 2024**

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Baptisms and Marriages by Arrangement.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday (4.30pm to 5pm) or on request. Please call in to the Presbytery or speak to Canon Adrian before or after Mass.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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It shall put forth branches and
bear fruit and become a
majestic cedar.
Ezekiel 17:23

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SATURDAY 15th June

5.30pm Vigil Mass Donor's Intentions (AP) (8145)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 16th June - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am (Lea Town) Repose of the soul of Mgr George Mooney
(8135)

10.30am People of the Parish

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today

Resumes on Sunday 23rd June

6.00pm In Memory of James & Rosemary Walmsley (8162)

MONDAY 17th June

9.15am Donor's Intentions (8163)

TUESDAY 18th June - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 19th

9.15am Frank Rocks & Helen Rocks (8152)

THURSDAY 20th June

St. Alban Opt -Memorial

8.15am (Lea Town) Donor's Intentions (8164)

FRIDAY 21st June

St. Aloysius Gonzaga - Memorial

9.15am Donor's Intentions (8126)

SATURDAY 22nd June

St. John Fisher & St Thomas More - Feast

9.15am **NO MASS**

5.30pm Vigil Mass Mildred & Stephen Ogdin (8160)

Confessions Saturday 4.30 – 5pm at St Andrew's.

Mass Intentions All Mass offerings and intentions are most welcome. If you require a Mass on a particular day, please let Canon Adrian know or place the intention, offering and details in an envelope on the collection plate at the back of church.

Boarbank Hall Events A long weekend on Catholic Social Teaching (28th June-1st July)

Thinking Faith summer week (27th July-3rd August) on 'What Catholics Really Believe'

A week on Care for Creation (5th-12th October)

Advent Hope in Health weekend (6th-8th December)

All of the events combine talks, prayer, time outdoors and social time.

For more information, see www.boarbankhall.org.uk/whats-on/ or email Sr Margaret Atkins on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk.

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates.

Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Day of Renewal led by Maria Heath, Director of Mission Northampton on Saturday 22nd June 2024, 10am to 4pm at St Clare's Church Parish Hall. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee available. For further information contact Christine Tel: 07745 009694 or Annette Tel: 07954 429333.

Lark Hill Association All past pupils of Lark Hill Convent School, Preston are invited to come to Cardinal Newman College, Preston on Saturday 29th June for a Mass at 2pm in the Chapel, followed by a get together. This is a chance to meet up with friends and there will be opportunity to explore the college on the Lark Hill site.

Mission Red Box Thank you and Appeal On the 29th and 30th June we will welcome Fr Dermot Byrne MHM, to give a Red Box Appeal. Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the world where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit

Afternoon Club The club meets each **Tuesday** at 1.15pm, in the Haydock Room, Cottam. Prize bingo and refreshments. There will be a charge of 50p per book with no charge for refreshments.